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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009—10 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1464

Introduced by Assembly Member Smyth

February 27, 2009

An act to add Article 2.5 (commencing with Section 889) to Chapter 8 of Division 1 of the Streets and Highways Code, relating to transportation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1464, as amended, Smyth. Transportation: ~~cycling corridors~~. *California Bicycle Routes of State or Regional Significance Act.*

Existing law requires the Department of Transportation, in cooperation with county and city governments, to establish minimum safety design criteria for the planning and construction of bikeways and roadways where bicycle travel is permitted.

~~This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would designate portions of the state highway system as state cycling corridors of significance for the purpose of promoting increased awareness of, and safety for, cyclists.~~

This bill would enact the California Bicycle Routes of State or Regional Significance Act, which would authorize the department, through its statewide bicycle planning process, to establish a process for identifying and promoting bicycle routes of state or regional significance, as specified. The bill would authorize the department to form an advisory committee to help implement the process for identifying and promoting these bicycle routes. The bill would authorize the department to establish a process for local bicycle organizations, private entities, or local government entities to nominate a route for inclusion

in the system of bicycle routes of state or regional significance. The bill would authorize the department to install bicycle route signs identifying these bicycle routes, as specified.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~-yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 *SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the*
- 2 *following:*
- 3 *(a) Bicycle-related transactions resulted in nearly \$1 billion in*
- 4 *sales in California last year, creating and sustaining jobs and*
- 5 *generating tax revenues to support state and local economies.*
- 6 *(b) Cycling not only results in economic benefits to the state*
- 7 *but health benefits to cyclists as well, providing California*
- 8 *residents with a low-impact alternative to other fitness and*
- 9 *recreational pursuits.*
- 10 *(c) Cycling can play an important part in helping California*
- 11 *meet its carbon reduction goals.*
- 12 *(d) Cycling tourism is a growing industry and California's mild*
- 13 *weather and diversity of topography and landscape, including the*
- 14 *wine country, the coast, the inland valleys, and the Sierra Nevada,*
- 15 *provide California with unique attributes that can attract a large*
- 16 *share of this tourism industry.*
- 17 *(e) Many states have already invested considerable resources*
- 18 *to attract cycling tourism and Californians have demonstrated*
- 19 *their interest in cycling as an estimated 2 million spectators*
- 20 *attended the Amgen Tour of California, placing it as the most*
- 21 *attended spectator event in California on record and demonstrating*
- 22 *the interest of Californians in increased cycling opportunities.*
- 23 *(f) Given the state's current fiscal condition, the cycling*
- 24 *community does not envision a substantial infusion of state*
- 25 *resources into cycling. Therefore, the cycling community is looking*
- 26 *to partner with the state to identify ways in which to spur economic*
- 27 *activity through this growing trend in cycling.*
- 28 *SEC. 2. Article 2.5 (commencing with Section 889) is added*
- 29 *to Chapter 8 of Division 1 of the Streets and Highways Code, to*
- 30 *read:*

1 *placement of bicycle route signs on all other roads and transit*
2 *systems shall be left to the appropriate local jurisdiction. However,*
3 *when requested by a city or county and reimbursed, the department*
4 *shall place bicycle route signs on the state highway system and*
5 *state-financed public transportation systems that direct traffic to*
6 *bicycle routes on city or county roads.*

7 *(b) Bicycle route signs shall meet the standards and*
8 *specifications established pursuant to Section 21400 of the Vehicle*
9 *Code but shall not be classified as traffic control devices.*

10 ~~SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact~~
11 ~~legislation that would do all of the following:~~

12 ~~(a) Designate portions of the state highway system as state~~
13 ~~cycling corridors of significance for the purpose of promoting~~
14 ~~increased awareness of, and safety for, cyclists.~~

15 ~~(b) Establish cycling routes for the designated state cycling~~
16 ~~corridors of significance.~~

17 ~~(c) Encourage cities and counties to establish local and regional~~
18 ~~cycling corridors of significance.~~